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4. Dr. Karim then asked me if there was any objection to the GOA announcing this event. I replied that this was entirely up to the GOA but I hoped the announcement would stay as close as possible to the text (FYI: This is why I prepared a memcon). As to the USG I expected USG would respond in an appropriate manner to any given inquiry which, in my personal opinion, was likely to be made.

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